

Tentative Schedule for Council Action on GOA Groundfish Rationalization SEIS PREPARATION	
Date	Action
June 11, 2003	Council modifies suite of alternatives, elements, and options; selects EIS alternatives for analysis
July 1, 2003	Request for proposals for economic/social/cumulative impact analyses
August 1, 2003	Contract for economic/social/cumulative impact analyses is awarded
September 19, 2003	Council distributes discussion papers on: (1) options and (2) salmon and crab bycatch
October 8-10, 2003	Council reviews discussion papers and modifies alternatives, elements and options
November 21, 2003	Council distributes preliminary Draft SEIS/RIR/IRFA
December 10-12, 2003	Council reviews preliminary Draft SEIS/RIR/IRFA; will likely modify alternatives, elements and options
January 9, 2004	Contractor submits initial review Draft SEIS/RIR/IRFA to Council Executive Director
January 16, 2004	Government contractor prints document
February 4-6, 2004	Council initial review of Draft SEIS/RIR/IRFA and release for public review; will likely modify alternatives, elements and options
March 9, 2004	Contractor completes public review Draft SEIS/RIR/IRFA
March 10-14, 2004	Government contractor prints analysis
March 15-19, 2004	NMFS HQ reviews and files Draft SEIS/RIR/IRFA with EPA
March 26, 2004	Notice of Availability of Draft SEIS/RIR/IRFA is published in the <i>Federal Register</i> and 45-day public comment period begins
April 2, 2004	no scheduled action during public comment period; <u>does not</u> modify alternatives, elements, and options
May 10, 2004	public comment period ends
May 26, 2004	NMFS staff releases summary of public comments
June 9-11, 2004	Council reviews public comment summary and finalizes preferred alternative; will likely schedule timeline for trailing amendments
Unknown	Congress authorizes Council action, if necessary
Unknown	NMFS releases Final SEIS/RIR/IRFA and 30-day public comment period begins
Unknown	NMFS publishes Record of Decision

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